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## LAKE CREEK LETTER

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It's that time again. The LAKE CREEK LETTER is back in your home as a service of the LCHS. The Summer has seen its last day and the new Winter has just begun. With the passing season the LCHS has nearly completed the renovation of the Lake Creek Community Building. With a bit of luck and a lot of help from our members and friends we should finish with this community improvement by the beginning of Spring. This year!

As with most renovation projects the Hall has been one full of surprises. It never looks like projects should cost what they actually do. While accomplishable, the hall renovation has been more expensive than originally estimated. This over-run in expense has resulted in the delay of the opening primarily because the Board has been attempting to obtain donations for as much of the remaining work needed as possible. Without the donations received to date since the last Letter it would have been impossible for us to report the probability of opening.

The entire community is indebted to the support and generosity of the following people and businesses. We hope that you will let these friends know of your appreciation the next time you see them.

PETE JACKSON - ELECTRICAL SERVICES

CASCADE RANCHES - LANDSCAPING MATERIALS

GROVERS ELECTRIC AND PLUMBING - ALL THE PLUMBING FIXTURES

FASHION FLOORS - THE TILE AND INSTALLATION FOR THE BATHROOMS

GREGG GRISSOM - SUB FLOOR, WALL SIDING AND WOOD FLOORING  
INSTALLATION CARL MACEDO - INSTALLATION OF ALL THE SHEET ROCK

ROGUE PACIFIC LUMBER - GIFTING ALL THE SHEETROCK

RON WALCH - PAINTING OF THE WALLS

FRED MEYER STORES - GIFT OF PAINT

RHODA PAINT - GIFT OF PAINT

PP&L - A NEW SERVICE LEAD AND POWER POLE

BOB LACEY - INSTALLATION OF ALL PLUMBING FIXTURES  
- GIFT OF WATER HEATER

MAXINE EASTMAN - DONATED LABOR TO INSULATE THE FLOOR OF THE HALL

LAKE CREEK STORE - ROSE BUSHES BY ENTRANCE

DEMPESEY LANDSCAPING - NEW PLANTINGS BY ENTRANCE AND MULCH

BROWNSBORO COMMUNITY CHURCH - FINISH WORK

These people and businesses have shown support to the community, will you? If you haven't joined please do. If you are a member please renew. If you can donate time please do. If you can make a cash contribution to the effort do so. That's all it takes. The community helping itself. Kind of an AMERICAN tradition. One we need to preserve. Thanks.

A black and white woodcut-style illustration of a man in profile, facing right. He is wearing a tall top hat, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt with a high collar, and a dark vest. He is seated in a high-backed, ornate chair. He holds a large, unfurling scroll with both hands. The scroll contains text. A small, ornate bag or satchel with a handle and decorative patterns sits on the floor next to the chair's front legs. The background is plain.

In a true community we will not  
choose our companions, for our  
choices are so often limited by  
self-serving motives. Instead,  
our companions will be given to  
us by grace. Often they will be  
persons who will upset our settled  
view of self and world. In fact,  
we might define true community as  
that place where the person you  
least want to live with always  
lives!

Parker J. Palmer  
The Promise of Paradox

October 10, 1991

Mr. Mark Flint  
%Lake Creek Historical Society  
Route 6, Box 247  
Knappa, OR 97103

Dear Mr. Flint:

I am pleased to advise the PacificCorp Foundation Board of Directors has approved a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with the production of a biography of Glenn Jackson.

Enclosed are two checks of \$5,000 each, one from the Chairman's Fund and one from the PacificCorp Foundation General Fund.

Congratulations and good luck.

Sincerely,

Gerard K. Drummond



*Lake Creek Historical Society*  
1739 South Fork, Butte Creek Road  
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October 16, 1991

Gerard K. Drummond  
Executive Vice President  
PacificCorp  
700 N.E. Multnomah, Suite 1600  
Portland, Oregon 97232-4116

Dear Mr. Drummond:

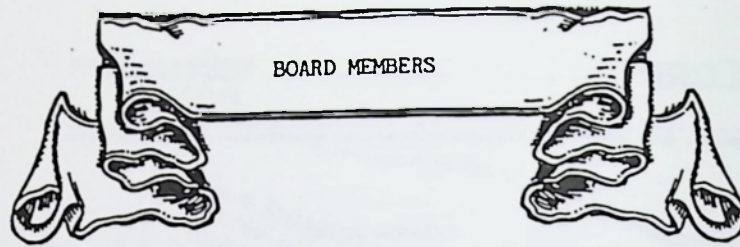
Mark Flint has forwarded your generous grant for the Glenn Jackson biography project. We are grateful for your support in this endeavor, which the Society feels is vital in preserving the history of the state. Like many areas of Oregon, the Lake Creek community was affected by Glenn Jackson's presence, and we are proud to be involved in a project to preserve the story of his life and achievements.

If you require any information regarding our accounting processes or disbursements of the funds, please contact me or our treasurer, Susan Shoemaker, at this address.

Again, thank you for your support of what we feel is a project of significance to the entire state.

Very truly yours,

Ralph E. Wehinger  
President



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Jackson County Public Works will be getting more help keeping county roads litter free thanks to members of the Lake Creek Historical Society. The group officially "adopted" 11 miles of South Fork Little Butte Creek Road last Thursday morning. That means they will keep the roadside from the Lake Creek loop to the end of the pavement litter free.

"We decided to do this because we all live here and the Historical Society's job is to preserve the rich heritage and beauty of the area," said Historical Society President Ralph Wehinger.

Public Works Director Joe Strahl said, "this is the second community group that has adopted a portion of our county road system. We're grateful for that assistance because the county has only one crew of trustees to do litter pickup for, more than 900 miles of road. One crew cannot cover that territory very often. We're fortunate to have groups that take pride in their community and want to help keep it looking its best."

The cost for picking up roadside litter is \$25 a mile, according to Strahl.

"We would hope that some of the other communities would get involved in a program like this," said Wehinger.

Members of the Lake Creek Historical Society and the Jackson County Highway Department team up to let everyone know that they adopted an 11-mile stretch of road in the Lake Creek area.

see Adopt-a-Road page 11



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August 22, 1991

Dr. Ralph E. Wehinger  
P.O. Box 587  
Eagle Point, OR 97524

RE: LOST CREEK COVERED BRIDGE INSPECTION

Dear Ralph:

Enclosed is a copy of this year's inspection of Lost Creek Bridge. The overall condition of the bridge is fair to good with the exception of extensive decay found in the west floor beam. This member should be checked periodically for crushing under the downstream lower chord.

You may want to consider fumigating this floor beam (or both floor beams) to slow decay.

Sincerely,

Dale W. Patrasek, P.E.  
County Engineer

*Wouter R. Leeuwenburgh*  
Wouter R. Leeuwenburgh  
Bridge Inspector

## Preserving the past to benefit the future

**E**stablished in 1989, the Lake Creek Historical Society was formed to help preserve the rich and varied heritage found within the Lake Creek area of Oregon's Rogue River Valley. Through the restoration and preservation of historic sites and structures, the documentation of our colorful history and creating a greater awareness of our natural resources, LCHS is educating the generations of today for the benefit of the generations of tomorrow.

The LCHS is a non-profit organization chartered under the corporate laws of the State of Oregon. The society is exempt from state and federal income tax under the 501(C) (3) section of the Internal Revenue Code.

As an affiliate of the Oregon Historical Society, the LCHS receives operation support from the historic preservation fund of Jackson County. Additional contributions in the form of memberships, grants and gifts allow the society to implement projects and programs in the furtherance of its mission.



The Lost Creek Covered Bridge National Historic Landmark was rebuilt by LCHS efforts and has been preserved for the benefit of generations to come.

your tax deductible contribution to:

LCHS Membership  
1739 South Fork Little Butte Creek Road  
Lake Creek, Oregon 97524

Additional information about past, present and future LCHS activities or the *Endowment Challenge Fund* is available on request.

## Tales of the South Fork

### The Great Flood of 1964

Our station wagon was jammed with Christmas presents on December 21st for the trip from the Bay Area. When the rain turned to snow on I-5 at Mt. Ashland, we had visions of a White Christmas at the Ranch. By the time we reached Lake Creek, it was raining buckets again. The water was high under the log bridge over the South Fork and covered the willow trees on the bank.

It was still raining when we awoke the next morning. Jake Lane, caretaker, carpenter, and man for all occasions, was anxious to show us his remodeling job. He had transformed Gus Edler's old one-room cabin into a cute two-room guest cottage. He had added a fieldstone fireplace, a kitchen and bath, new roof, and picture windows overlooking the South Fork.

We were looking forward to the Christmas holiday with our children and grandchildren. Old Red, the horse Daryl Stanley had sold us, was waiting patiently at the barn for the grandchildren to bring him sugar.

Jake and I left Alice, (my wife) and Carol, (Jake's wife) admiring the beautiful carpenter work on the cottage and went on an inspection trip of the Creek. The steep bank was only about twenty yards from the rear of the cabin. Although we could see no immediate danger, we decided to rig up a heavy chain around the cottage, anchored to a large fir tree near the house. I recalled at that time that Gus used to hang his deer meat in that tree to cure. It was late afternoon before we finished the job. The river continued to rise, carrying more and larger trees downstream toward our bridge.

The trees tangled upstream were shifting the main channel of the creek towards the open meadow in front of the cottage. Suddenly, we saw the creek burst out of the woods into the meadow. The rapidly moving current left Gus' cottage on an island between the old and new channels of the South Fork. We gathered up our tools and ran for Jake's cabin on the high ground.

Meanwhile, Alice had been seated, with her knitting as usual, on the window seat of our house downstream. Lloyd George, skilled carpenter and cabinet maker, had remodeled the old Farlow-Millard house for us a few years before.

Prior to commencing his labors, he wrote us a letter, warning us that any house built close to the South Fork could be expected to end up in the Creek at flood time. I could remember my response.

"My ambition has always been to live beside a trout stream and hear the flowing, rippling water at night. MAKE IT TIGHT SO IT WILL FLOAT." Alice and I talked about Lloyd's prediction many times.

Alice walked across the little patch of lawn, and looked over the white picket fence at the edge of the Creek. To her horror, she saw that the Creek had undercut several feet under the fence and lawn, and was under the log bridge underpinnings.

She raced into the house, threw all the Christmas presents into a basket, put on her rubber boots, and sloshed across the Deer Creek bridge to the Lane's house.

"We're having dinner up here with you, my dear. Our house is getting more precarious by the minute."

Jake and I decided to move our cars across the log bridge to the main road, just in case. The Lane's porch was our refuge, an island between the roaring Deer Creek on one side, and the rising South Fork in front.

It was only a half hour later that Jake came up and reported that the log bridge at our house had quietly slid into the rushing South Fork and disappeared. "It was so easy!," he said. We could now see the water covering the Hostettler's pasture.

Just before dark, we heard tearing and grinding over the roar of the water. We watched Gus' cottage float downstream before our eyes. The tumbling boulders and floating logs broke up our beautiful cottage into kindling wood, and our children would never see it.

We were all in tears. Jake disappeared into his room and cried like a baby. I was numb with fatigue, grief, liquor and tranquilizers. (A combination that I have avoided ever since).

After a dinner that none of us could enjoy, Jake reported that the kitchen and bath end of our house was in the river. He rescued a precious brass bowl and some kitchen appliances for Alice.

At about 2 a.m., Jake volunteered to make one more attempt to salvage anything else Alice wanted. We all watched his flashlight as he struggled across the flooded Deer Creek Bridge. Before he reached our house, a large fir tree on the bank fell, trapping him in the upper branches and swinging out in the main current. His flashlight flickered again and again through the branches. He finally made his way back onto dry land. It was only later he told us that he couldn't swim a stroke and was petrified with fear in the water.

The next morning we made our way down to the house. The large fireplace between the kitchen and dining room had collapsed, and the kitchen, laundry room and bathroom had completely disappeared. It had stopped raining, but the South Fork was still roaring and almost 100 yards wide, reaching to the road. Jake came back to his house with three bottles of liquor he found buried in the mud-filled kitchen. "Full bottles don't float", he said proudly.

Ozzie and Arthur Burrell from the neighboring ranch showed up that afternoon, waving handkerchiefs from the road. The roar of the water made it impossible to hear anything. I rigged up an amateur sling we used to convey messages across the flood.

A lone rescuer appeared the next day. He had clambered along an old trail on the steep slope of the creek. Our children in California (who had been warned by news broadcasts not to drive North anywhere, as flooding was going on all over Northern California and Oregon) had phoned Jim Wallis in Eagle Point to find out how we were. The volunteer rescuer took back a report to the children that the houses were flooded out and Christmas 1964 was a Washout!

Within a couple of days, Jake rigged up a breeches buoy which he used to haul himself across the creek by hand. The thought of falling off that dangling rope into the still raging creek was enough to discourage me from trying.

The next few days without electricity, clean water, and with food running low convinced us to try an escape over the mountain on horseback. We started early New Years Eve. An old garment bag containing dry clothes was slung over the rear end of Old Red. We looked like a couple of Kurdish refugees fleeing the Iraqi army. All went well until we reached the top of the mountain, when it started to snow heavily. From then on it was a nightmare.

The horses went lame with snow and rocks in their hooves. I used sticks to clean out the snow every few moments as we rode, walked, and slid down the mountain trail leading to the John Walchs. Eventually, we led our lame horses across the Lost Creek Covered Bridge. Mrs. Walch came out to greet us at the gate.

"It's a nice night for a walk," she said, "But why did you bring the horses?"

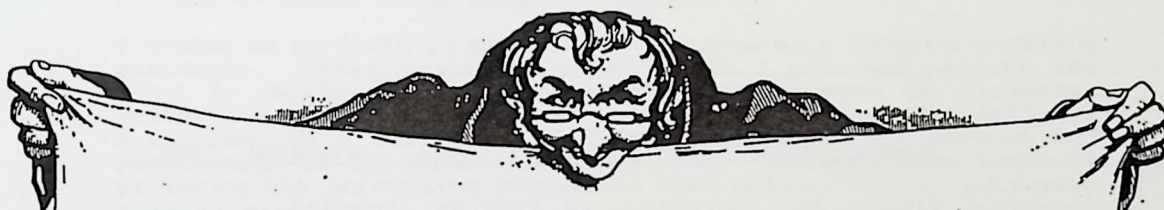
We left our loyal beasts at the Walch's and hitchhiked to Medford with a friend of the Burrell's in the back of a pickup truck.

There was real excitement in the lobby of the old Medford Hotel when the desk clerk announced in a loud voice: "THESE

PEOPLE CAME IN TONIGHT FROM THE SOUTH FORK!"

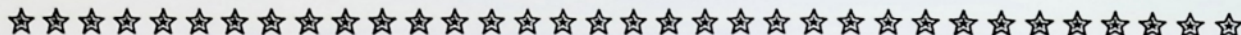
Guess who came down to see us the next morning! Lloyd George and Faye. Always the perfect Christian gentleman, Lloyd never said, "I told you so!"

Jake Lane, God Bless Him, lived to finish the reconstruction of the old house. He dragged it 50 yards up the Creek bank to a beautiful grove of cedars on high ground, and put in a new foundation. With help from his side-kick, Bob Gilkey, he rebuilt the chimney, kitchen and bath downstairs, and added a large bedroom and bath on the second floor. The Farlows and the Millards would never recognize their old house.



This story was written by Paul F. Wendt who is presently retired in Chapala, Mexico, with his wife Alice. They purchased the Turning Rock Ranch in Lake Creek in 1958 as a vacation home and return every summer for a visit with their daughter Susan Shoemaker.

If you have a story to tell about the flood of 1964 or another event in the history of Lake Creek, we would like to encourage you to submit your stories.



# LAKE CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1991

### Current Funds

#### Projects

#### ASSETS

##### Current assets:

|                                      | Operating       | Lost Creek<br>Covered<br>Bridge | Lake Creek<br>Community<br>Hall | Glenn<br>Jackson<br>Biography | Rogue Fisheries<br>Discovery<br>Center | Building<br>and<br>Equipment Fund | Total             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash                                 | \$ 9,944        | \$                              | \$                              | 7,116                         | \$                                     | \$                                | 17,060            |
| Building and equipment (Notes 1 & 4) |                 |                                 |                                 |                               |                                        | 135,748                           | 135,748           |
| Less accumulated depreciation        |                 |                                 |                                 |                               |                                        | (1,875)                           | (1,875)           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$ 9,944</b> | <b>\$ 0</b>                     | <b>\$ 0</b>                     | <b>\$ 7,116</b>               | <b>\$ 0</b>                            | <b>\$ 133,873</b>                 | <b>\$ 150,933</b> |

#### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

##### Current liabilities

|                                       |                 |             |                |                 |             |                   |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts payable                      | \$ 57           | \$          | 2,340          | \$              | \$          | \$                | 2,397             |
| Interest payable                      | 350             |             |                |                 |             |                   | 350               |
| Note payable (Note 5)                 | 20,000          |             |                |                 |             |                   | 20,000            |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>      | <b>20,407</b>   |             | <b>2,340</b>   | <b>0</b>        |             |                   | <b>22,747</b>     |
| <b>Fund balances (deficits)</b>       |                 |             |                |                 |             |                   |                   |
| Operations                            | (10,463)        |             |                |                 |             |                   | (10,463)          |
| Projects                              |                 |             | (2,340)        | 7,116           |             |                   | 4,776             |
| Building and equipment                |                 |             |                |                 |             | 133,873           | 133,873           |
| <b>Total fund balances (deficits)</b> | <b>(10,463)</b> |             | <b>(2,340)</b> | <b>7,116</b>    |             | <b>133,873</b>    | <b>128,186</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$ 9,944</b> | <b>\$ 0</b> | <b>\$ 0</b>    | <b>\$ 7,116</b> | <b>\$ 0</b> | <b>\$ 133,873</b> | <b>\$ 150,933</b> |

GERALD W. BURNS  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

PRINCIPAL  
GERALD W. BURNS, CPA

SUPERVISOR  
SUSAN J. SCOTTOW, CPA

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Lake Creek Historical Society  
10440 South Fork Little Butte Creek Road  
Eagle Point, Oregon 97524

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Lake Creek Historical Society as of June 30, 1991 and the related statements of activity and cash flow for year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In my opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lake Creek Historical Society as of June 30, 1991, and results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principals.

*Gerald W. Burns*

October 15, 1991

# Places to Visit

**MORE THAN MUSEUMS.** Intriguing history awaits you at museums and historical sites operated by the Southern Oregon Historical Society throughout Jackson County.

■ **History Center.** Innovative exhibits and a well-stocked gift shop greet visitors to the History Center, located in the remodeled 1940s JC Penney Company department store building in downtown Medford. In addition to housing the Society's administrative departments, the History Center has one of the Northwest's finest historical research libraries. Serious researchers as well as the curious public are welcome to examine the library's collection of historic photographs, books, maps and manuscripts. Visitors are also encouraged to view *Behind Closed Doors: Treasures, Trinkets and Tidbits from the Collection*, a light-hearted exhibit featuring hundreds of unusual items. Other special exhibits grace the building's mezzanine.

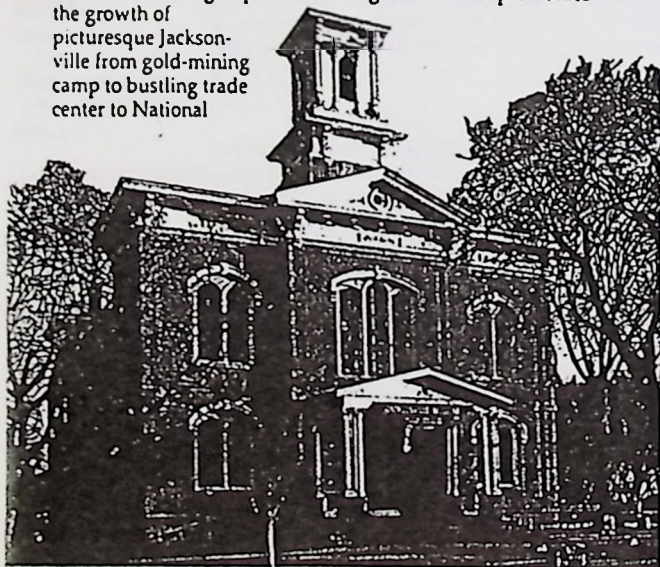


The History Store in the History Center offers the area's finest selection of history-related books plus unique gift items.

The History Center is located at 106 N. Central Ave., Medford. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat.

The research library is open 1 to 5 p.m. Tues.-Sat.

■ **Jacksonville Museum of Southern Oregon History.** Step inside the 1883 Italianate-style former Jackson County Courthouse for a glimpse into the region's colorful past. Trace the growth of picturesque Jacksonville from gold-mining camp to bustling trade center to National



Historic Landmark City. Other exhibits give glimpses into the life of pioneer photographer Peter Britt, the unusual Hannah pottery works and railroading.

Located at 206 N. Fifth St., Jacksonville, the Jacksonville Museum of Southern Oregon History is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. Thereafter, it is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues. -Sun.

■ **Children's Museum.** Located in the remodeled former Jackson County Jail, the Children's Museum features more than 20 hands-on exhibits for the young-at-heart.

Located at 206 N. Fifth St., Jacksonville, the Children's Museum is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. During the remainder of the year, it is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tues. -Sun.

■ **C.C. Beekman House and Beekman Bank.** Become a part of the year 1911 as a guest of the prominent C.C. Beekman family. Costumed interpreters in the Beekman's lovely Victorian Jacksonville home portray members of the Beekman household as they lived in the year 1911. Watch Louise prepare the family's meal on a wood cookstove. Converse with Mrs. Beekman about the latest innovations in "modern" living. And if handyman John is on the premises, listen to tales of his Civil War adventures.



Only a few blocks away, banker and Wells Fargo, Co. agent C.C. Beekman operated the Beekman Bank from the town's early gold-rush days into the next century. From the delicate gold scale to the wooden counter well-worn by decades of optimistic customers, the first bank in southern Oregon looks exactly as it did nearly 100 years ago. Step into the Beekman Bank and see another century.

The C.C. Beekman House is located at Laurelwood and California streets, Jacksonville. It is open daily 1 to 5 p.m. Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Beekman Bank, open daily for viewing 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Memorial Day through Sept., may be found at Third and California streets.

■ **Swedenburg Cultural Resource Center.** Located in the historic Chappell-Swedenburg House, the Swedenburg Cultural Resource Center's activities focus on the archaeological resources of the region.

The Swedenburg Cultural Resource Center is located at Mountain Avenue and Siskiyou Boulevard, Ashland. Gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.



Information on museums, exhibits, tours and programs may be obtained by writing the Southern Oregon Historical Society, 106 N. Central Ave., Medford, OR 97501-5926, or by calling (503) 773-6536.



Excerpt from "Things That Really Work" by Gary Snyder

### DON'T MOVE

Without further rhetoric or utopian scheming, I have a simple suggestion that if followed would begin to bring wilderness, farmers, people, and their economies back. That is: don't move. Stay still. Once you find a place that feels halfway right, and it seems time, settle down with a vow not to move any more. Then, taking a look at one place on earth, one circle of people, one realm of beings over time, conviviality and maintenance will improve. School boards and planning commissions will have better people on them, and larger and more widely concerned audiences will be attending. Small environmental issues will be attended to. More voters will turn out, because local issues at least make a difference, can be won-and national scale politics too might improve, with enough folks getting out there. People begin to really notice the plants, birds, stars, when they see themselves as members of a place. Not only do they begin to work the soil, they go out hiking, explore the back country or the beach, get on the Freddies ass for mismanaging Peoples' land, and doing that as locals counts! Early settlers, old folks, are valued and respected, we make an effort to learn their stories and pass it on to our children, who will live here too. We look deeply back in time to the original inhabitants, and far ahead to our own descendants, in the mind of knowing a context, with its own kind of tools, boots, songs. Mainstream thinkers have overlooked it: real people stay put. And when things are coasting along ok, they can also take off and travel; there's no delight like swapping stories downstream. Don't Move! I'd say this really works because here on our side of the Sierra, Yuba river country, we can begin to see some fruits of a mere fifteen years inhabitation, it looks good.

# Rogue Fisheries Discovery Center



## Rogue Fisheries Discovery Center Final Report

We have completed the feasibility portion of our study (though late in coming) and have narrowed it down to three locations.

These locations were: (in alphabetical order)

1. Grants Pass, adjacent to Riverside Park.
2. McGregor Park, adjacent to the Cole M. Rivers fish hatchery.
3. Shady Cove, adjacent to the Upper Rogue Regional Park.

Of these sites it was McGregor Park that was chosen.

The rationale for McGregor is as follows:

There is a broad base of traffic associated with visitations to and from Crater Lake National Park. McGregor is located within walking distance to the largest fish hatchery in Oregon. It is within a five minute drive from Lost Creek Lake/Stewart State Park with visitations of over 400,000 people in 1990. The Army Corps of Engineers who owns and operates the McGregor complex was receptive to the proposed Rogue Fisheries Discovery Center project and the likelihood of acquiring the present building at low cost seems eminent. The infrastructure is in place and expansion can therefore be facilitated. This site has wheel chair ramps already installed and a walkway along the river aids in program delivery.

We want to mention and wholeheartedly thank the following people and organizations for believing in, and helping us during the initial phase of our project:

-John Anhorn, President. (Western Bank)... Jeff Golden, Owner. (Golden Communications)... Bill Anderberg, President. (Answerpage, Inc.)... Lorin Jacobs, Partner. (Afseth, Jacobs, & Schmitz)... Rob Petros, (Centers West Development) for serving on our advisory panel.

-Lu Anthony, Special Projects Coordinator... SOREDI  
 -Jose Barajas, Manager... Azteca Mexican Restaurant  
 -Patti Bills, Director... Medford Visitors & Convention Bureau  
 -Jerry Briggs, President... Oregon Guides & Packers Assn.  
 -Mike Calderwood, Manager... U.S. Sprint  
 -Linda Duffy, Public Relations Officer... Rogue River National Forest  
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And to all who helped in so many ways.

## SO YOU ARE THE NEW OWNERS OF THE STORE

by Richard Sumner .

This phrase, next to the (what's happened to the pumps), is the most often related term we hear at the Lake Creek General Store.

After hearing it many times over, temptation to retort creeps in. However, being a community-minded individual, discretion takes hold and usually a tactful approach is mustered up. I am sure nothing we do will ever get 100% approval from everyone, but hopefully our special approach will be somewhat understood.

When opportunity for someone to take over the store became known to our family, we thought the chances of getting it would be slim to none. However, Gloria prompted me to write a proposal that would convey all the ideas we had talked about while living a few miles up the road and often going in and out of the store for movies, snacks and drinks.

Taking on the task of performing what we had submitted has taxed our creativity, but the Store has a mystic about it that takes over your very personage. Its walls vibrate with history, mysteriously mysterious information arrives in the mail, customers tell tales of its importance within the community. People come from all over who once lived on the creek. Celebrities occasionally drop in for a cool drink. Just this summer Patrick Duffy strolled in for a soft drink. He had been fishing in some "secret spot". After my daughter picked herself up from falling off the stool, we chatted with him. No autographs were solicited - we want them back; but this is how things go at the Store. Celebrities national and local once visited or lived on the creek. Everyone knows the (LCS) from newscasters to reporters. The creek has spawned families that have stayed for generations, others have moved away only to pilgrimage back just to see if it's still here.

Being proprietor of the Store has given us a rich and fulfilling feeling. Families bring their kids in, ranchers make deals on the porch, or at the old table inside, people from out of town meet friends, and relatives at the store, news travels in and out the door daily, politics is dispensed fervently, medical advice is abound, fresh vegetables, fruits, and crafts, work their way through the shelves, trading knives, and stories is everyday activity and watching the community give of their time and talents to restore the old historical community building across the road - spirit is what makes the Creek a good place to live. The new learn from the old, the old enjoy the new. It's a fertile place to grow a mind and spirit, not to mention the clean air for the body.

# WATER WISE TIPS

From

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| Activity                             | Explanation                                                                                                                | Products                                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Turn water softener off<br>Indoor    | Up to 3% of water use in home is used by water softener to backwash or recharge system.                                    |                                                                 |
| Clothes washer<br>Indoor             | Avg use = 30-60 gals (full cycle). Capture rinse water (15-30 gals.)                                                       | Plastic garbage cans, water pumps to move water.                |
| Raise mower height<br>Outdoor        | Raise cutting height to 3 to 4 inches. Shading of soil surface will result in prolonged intervals for watering             |                                                                 |
| Use root feeders<br>Outdoor          | Use of root feeders results in water application efficiency.                                                               | Water spike, Ross Root Feeder.                                  |
| Mulch root areas<br>Outdoor          | Mulching saves water 2 ways—surface evaporation, weed growth.                                                              | Decorative barks, bark mulch.                                   |
| Control weeds<br>Outdoor             | Weeds rob soil of moisture and compete with desirable plants. Prevent and/or eradicate.                                    | Pre and post emergent herbicides, hoes, weed barriers.          |
| Water when calm<br>Outdoor           | Higher evaporation when windy and water less likely to hit target areas.                                                   | Timers, sprinklers                                              |
| Water when cool<br>Outdoor           | Avoid the heat of the day. Early AM is best. Evening is 2nd best—fungal diseases like the night temperatures.              | Timers, sprinklers.                                             |
| Test soil before watering<br>Outdoor | Probe down 6-12 inches. For most plants, water when soils are on dry side. Use the squeeze test.                           | Soil samplers, moisture sensing devices.                        |
| Water deeply, less often<br>Outdoor  | Infrequent but deep watering practices will make plant roots deeper, wasting less water.                                   | Root feeders, timers.                                           |
| Short interval watering<br>Outdoor   | Short intervals allow water to penetrate and avoid wasteful runoff.                                                        |                                                                 |
| Use soil penetrants<br>Outdoor       | Better water penetration will make rainfall and water systems more efficient.                                              | Soil penetrants, Water-In.                                      |
| Use nozzles with shut off<br>Outdoor | When using a hose, avoid water waste by shutting off water flow when not in use.                                           | Shut off nozzles, hose washers.                                 |
| Aerate lawns<br>Outdoor              | If using a hand aerator, apply soil penetrant first. Better water penetration.                                             | Hand aerator, soil penetrant, sprayer.                          |
| Remove sick/dying plants<br>Outdoor  | Save your water for good plants.                                                                                           | Shovel, pick, chain saw, wheel barrow, plastic bags, compost    |
| Use absorptive polymers<br>Outdoor   | Use water absorptive polymers in containers, planting beds.                                                                | Polymers, P-4                                                   |
| Increase potassium levels<br>Outdoor | Drought tolerance in plants can be improved through the use of potassium.                                                  | Suphate of Potash                                               |
| Use drip/micro irrigation<br>Outdoor | Design systems to water plants with similar water needs.                                                                   | Drip systems from Drip Mist, & Acu-Drip.                        |
| Fertilize in moderation<br>Outdoor   | Use slow release balanced fertilizers to promote green leaf color without promoting huge spurts of growth.                 | Organic fertilizers, slow release fertilizers, soil penetrants. |
| Use anti-transpirants<br>Outdoor     | Use of anti-transpirants will help reduce evapotranspiration from leaf surfaces.                                           | Anti-transpirants, Cloud Cover.                                 |
| Leach soils<br>Outdoor               | As salt content of water increases, use gypsum. Leaching with good water every 3rd watering will reduce salinity.          | Gypsum, iron sulphates, sulphate of potash, soil sulphur.       |
| Use soaker hoses<br>Outdoor          | Helps water trees and shrubs slowly and deeply.                                                                            | Soaker hoses by Rain Master.                                    |
| Build water basins<br>Outdoor        | A basin around the root area of plants will aid in deep watering new or established plants.                                | Rake, shovel, hoe.                                              |
| Cultivate soils<br>Outdoor           | Cultivation will hasten water penetration to roots and will cause by capillary action moisture to rise in the moist soils. |                                                                 |



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• Historical Society.

Now, would also be the time to help our Society by either renewing your affiliate membership or joining as an affiliate in conjunction with the Oregon Historical Society. This fine program and relationship with the Oregon Historical Society helps both organizations to stimulate and widen interest in Oregon history and better preserve museum, library, and other historical material throughout the state of Oregon and the region.

In addition to your regular membership in the Lake Creek Historical Society, for only \$20 more, you can become an affiliate member -- helping with our affiliate program and helping us to maintain the needed 15 member status for this association. The affiliate program is new to our society, and one we want to maintain.

We maintain and emphasize that such state-wide cooperation stimulates every organization. It makes possible concerted efforts for individual or general benefits which create greater public interest. This insures greater public support for all of us whose constant work and official responsibility it is to preserve Oregon's past for future generations.

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